

Guide to Grants for Source Reduction, Recycling and Household Hazardous Waste Efforts



Who's Eligible to Receive Grants	Traditional Project Grants	School Project Grants	Model Project Grants	Regional Cooperative Project Grants	Public Education and Promotion (PEP)	Household Hazardous Waste Grants
SWMDs	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Local Units Government	✓		✓	✓		✓
Non-profits	✓		✓	✓		
Schools	✓	✓	✓	✓		

Source Reduction and Recycling Grants

IDEM offers grants to help start or expand source reduction, recycling, education, and household hazardous waste programs. This guide provides an overview of the grant program with details of each grant category.

Traditional Projects: This grant category provides support for local implementation of recycling programs. Funding is available for startup expenses of recycling, composting, and source reduction programs as well as infrastructure development.

Examples include: curbside recycling, drop-off recycling, recycling processing, composting, yard waste collection, and pay-as-you-throw with recycling.

Traditional Grants are intended to create sustainable projects, with no state funding for ongoing program costs.

School Projects: This grant category provides funding for pre-school, K-12 and college/university level institutions to startup or expand recycling, source reduction, reuse, buy-recycled, and composting programs. Eligible expenses include equipment and educational promotion.

Grant applications must demonstrate strong commitment and support at the administrative level, as well as having a solid network of students, teachers, and staff members who will be able to keep the program running after implementation.

Model Projects: This grant category provides funding for innovative solid waste reduction solutions that may serve as "models" for implementation in other parts of the state. Model grants should address significant solid waste management needs that have not been met

within your region. Grant funds are available for studies, reports, pilot projects, and experimental project implementation.

Regional Cooperative Projects: This grant category supports cooperative ventures among multiple partners. Support is offered for team oriented solid waste reduction efforts that realize the value of economies of scale, peer networking, leveraging of funds, and improved communications. To be considered a region, there must be at least ten eligible entities working together in partnership or the applicant(s) must serve area with a population of 700,000.

Public Education and Promotion (PEP): Solid waste management districts are eligible for this annual, noncompetitive grant for basic public education and promotion projects to educate citizens, communities, and businesses about source reduction and recycling programs. PEP grants support the following areas: school education, public education and promotion, waste reduction in business, and household hazardous waste education.

Household Hazardous Waste Grants

HHW grants fund projects involving the collection, recycling, or disposal of household hazardous waste (HHW) and conditionally exempt small quantity generator wastes (CESQG). Only permanent collection programs and public education projects are eligible. Permanent HHW/CESQG collection programs must include all of the following elements:

1. An ability to accept HHW from the public by appointment outside of regularly scheduled operating hours.
2. Advertised, regular schedule of operating hours.
3. A public outreach and education component.
4. An ability to safely store collected HHW according to all applicable rules and regulations until transportation.
5. A material flow management plan.